

Department of Planning and Budget

2023 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1952

House of Origin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Engrossed
Second House	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

2. Patron: Hodges

3. Committee: Committee Referral Pending

4. Title: Pharmacies; reporting of processing delays impacting patient safety; centralized or remote process.

5. Summary: Requires that a pharmacy that, on average, during any one-week period is unable to process a prescription within two days of receipt of such prescription shall report the prescription backlog to the Board of Pharmacy (the Board). The bill requires any pharmacy making such report to submit a corrective action plan detailing its staffing, workflow, technology, and patient communication strategies to address the prescription backlog. The bill permits the Board to (i) investigate any reported or suspected backlog; (ii) accept, amend, or reject a corrective action plan; and (iii) impose disciplinary action against the pharmacy permit for failure to comply with this section. Additionally, the bill allows pharmacies to perform centralized or remote processing of prescriptions in accordance with regulations promulgated by the Board. The bill directs the Board to adopt emergency regulations within 280 days of enactment.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Minimal.

8. Fiscal Implications: This legislation would have a minimal fiscal impact on the Department of Health Professions. Any costs to amend regulations can be handled within existing resources.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: None.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.